

**CLAIMS:****1. A system comprising:**

a playlist generator that is configured to create a playlist, and includes:

an artist similarity module that is configured to identify one or more similar artists to an identified artist to create an artist list,

an artist selector, operably coupled to the artist similarity module, that is configured to select a selected artist from the artist list, and

an item selector, operably coupled to the artist selector, that is configured to:

select a selected item associated with the selected artist from a source of items, and

include an identifier of the selected item in the playlist.

**2. The system of claim 1, wherein**

the artist similarity module is further configured to identify the one or more similar artists based on a plurality of artists associated with the source of items.

**3. The system of claim 1, further including**

a collection of items of a user that correspond to the source of items.

**4. The system of claim 1, further including**

a rendering device that is configured to render items identified in the playlist.

**5. The system of claim 1, wherein**

the system is further configured to create a subset of source items from the source of items, based on one or more general preferences of the user, and

the playlist generator is further configured to limit the selected item to the subset of source items.

**6. The system of claim 1, wherein**

one or more items of the source of items are accessible via an Internet access.

7. The system of claim 1, further including  
a user interface that facilitates identification of the identified artist.
8. The system of claim 1, further including  
a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of artist similarity, and  
wherein  
the artist similarity module is configured to identify the one or more similar artists  
based on the selected level of artist similarity.
9. The system of claim 1, further including  
a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of artist diversity, and  
wherein  
the artist selector is configured to select the selected artist based on the selected  
level of artist diversity.
10. The system of claim 1, further including  
a user interface that facilitates selection of a level of item diversity, and  
wherein  
the item selector is configured to select the selected item based on the selected  
level of item diversity.
11. The system of claim 1, further including  
an item cluster module that is configured to partition each item associated with  
the selected artist in the source of items into one or more clusters, based on attributes  
associated with each item, and  
wherein  
the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on the  
cluster of the one or more clusters associated with the selected item.

12. The system of claim 1, wherein

the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on whether the selected item is similar to other items associated with the selected artist.

13. A method of generating a playlist, comprising:

- identifying an identified artist,
- identifying one or more similar artists to the identified artist,
- selecting a select artist from the one or more similar artists,
- selecting a select item associated with the select artist,
- including an identifier of the select item in the playlist.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein

- selecting the selected artist includes
  - selecting the selected artist from a plurality of artists associated with the source of items, and
- selecting the selected item includes
  - selecting the selected item from a plurality of items in the source of items.

15. The method of claim 13, further including

- identifying a subset of source items from a source of items, based on one or more preferences of a user, and

wherein

- selecting the selected item includes
  - selecting the selected item from the subset of source items.

16. The method of claim 13, further including

- identifying a selected level of artist similarity, and
- wherein
  - selecting the selected artist is based on the selected level of artist similarity.

17. The method of claim 13, further including  
identifying a selected level of artist diversity, and  
wherein  
selecting the selected artist is based on the selected level of artist diversity.
18. The method of claim 13, further including  
identifying a selected level of item diversity, and  
wherein  
selecting the selected item is based on the selected level of item diversity.
19. The method of claim 13, further including  
clustering each item associated with the selected artist into one or more clusters,  
and  
wherein  
selecting the selected item is based on the cluster of the one or more clusters  
associated with the selected item.
20. The method of claim 13, wherein  
selecting the selected item includes  
determining a similarity of the selected item to other items associated with  
the selected artist, and  
selecting the selected item based on the similarity.